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WEDNESDAY JULY 13, 1983 - SUMMARY

MAJOR STORIES IN THE FRENCH PRESS TODAY:

TWO FORECASTS (BY OECD AND THE NATIONAL STATISTICS
INSTITUTE - INSE) THAT ECONOMIC RECOVERY IS UNDERWAY IN
THE WEST BUT THAT FRANCE WILL DRIFT FURTHER INTO
RECESSION PROVOKE MOROSE AND CRITICAL HEADLINES AND
EDITORIALS IN CONSERVATIVE ECONOMIC AND OPPOSITION
PAPERS. THE REWORDING OF A TASS AGENCY REPORT--THAT
THE MAIN DANGER FOR THE WORLD IS U.S. PLAN TO DEPLOY
EUROMISSILES--AT REQUEST OF FRENCH COMMUNIST LEADER
GEORGES MARCHAIS FOLLOWING HIS MEETING WITH ANDROPOV,
WIDELY SEEN AS MARCHAIS' DESIRE TO DISTANCE HIMSELF
FROM THE KREMLIN'S VIEWS, RECEIVES CONSIDERABLE
ATTENTION ON RADIO NEWS PROGRAMS AND IS BANNER
HEADLINED IN SOCIALIST LE MATIN.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW LAY-OFFS IN FRENCH CAR INDUSTRY AND
THE RESIGNATION OF THE PRESIDENT OF FRANCE'S FIRST
TELEVISION NETWORK (TF-1) ARE OTHER TOP ISSUES.

REPORTS ON CHAD ARE DOMINATED BY ARRIVAL OF
REINFORCEMENTS FROM ZAIRE. WEST GERMAN FOREIGN
MINISTER GENSCHER'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON IS REPORTED
BRIEFLY IN FIGARO. BRIEF REPORTS ON ARAFAT'S
ANNOUNCEMENT THAT HE WILL NOT GO TO MOSCOW AND BEGIN'S
DOMESTIC DIFFICULTIES ARE ONLY MIDDLE EAST NEWS.
WEEKLY VSD AND LIBERATION CARRY TWO-PAGE EXCERPTS OF
BRITISH BOOK ON NAZI CRIMINAL **KLAUS BARBIE** BY BBC
JOURNALIST JOHN BOWER. HEADLINES EMPHAZIZE THAT BARBIE
WORKED FOR THE CIA.

PAGE 5 OF FIGARO CARRIES EXCERPTS OF NEW YORK TIMES
ARTICLES UNDER TITLE: "SOCIALIST FRANCE SEEN BY U.S.
PRESS." MAIN EXCERPT IS JULY 11 NYT FRONTPAGE TITLE: "A
MAGAZINE SAYS MITTERRAND ADMITS TO ECONOMIC MISTAKES."

HEADLINES:

CHAD:

"NO FRENCH PARATROOPERS IN CHAD, CONFIRMS (FRENCH)
GOVERNMENT"--FRANCE-SOIR

"FIRST SUCCESSES FOR HISSENE HABRE. HIS FORCES STOP
REBEL ADVANCE"--FIGARO

"ZAIRE REINFORCEMENTS FOR HISSENE HABRE"--QUOTIDIEN

"MOBUTU'S COMMITMENT IN CHAD"--LE MATIN

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"2000 TROOPS FROM ZAIRE TO THE HELP OF HISSENE
HABRE"--LIBERATION
OECD AND (FRENCH) NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STATISTICS
ECONOMIC FORECASTS:
"ECONOMIC RECOVERY, FRANCE IS KEPT ON THE
SIDE"--FIGARO
"U.S. ECONOMIC RECOVERY IS HERE BUT FRANCE WILL BENEFIT
FROM IT LATER"; "RECOVERY FOR WHOM?"--LES ECHOS
"FRANCE MISSES THE RECOVERY"--QUOTIDIEN
"FRANCE PUNISHED AGAIN FOR PLAYING IT ALONE"--LE MATIN
MIDDLE EAST:
"ARAFAT: NYET TO THE KREMLIN"--LE MATIN
EAST-WEST RELATIONS:
"MADRID CONFERENCE: IMMINENT EAST-WEST ACCORD";
SOVIET-U.S. THAW?"--QUOTIDIEN
FRENCH COMMUNIST LEADER GEORGES MARCHAIS FORCES TASS TO
REWRITE REPORT:
"IN MOSCOW, MARCHAIS ESCAPES TRAP"--LE MATIN
"STATUS QUO AFTER FIT OF ANGER"--LIBERATION
NAZI LEADER **KLAUS BARBIE**:
"THE INCREDIBLE 'CONFESSIONS' OF HIS FORMER BOSSES AT
CIA"--VSD (VENDREDI-SAMEDI-DIMANCHE)
"**KLAUS BARBIE**, 1947-1951, IN THE SERVICE OF U.S.
COUNTER-ESPIONAGE"--LIBERATION
WRITTEN PRESS COMMENT:
CHAD:
FRANCE-SOIR UNSIGNED REPORT ON PAGE 7: "...FRANCE IS
READY TO DELIVER AS MUCH MILITARY EQUIPMENT AS
REQUESTED, BUT THE SENDING OF AN EXPEDITIONARY CORPS
WOULD CONSTITUTE AN ESCALATION DIFFICULT TO HIDE. PAST
FRENCH MILITARY INTERVENTIONS HAVE PROVEN INEFFICIENT
AND PRESIDENT MITTERRAND CURRENTLY HAS NO DESIRE TO SET
FOOT IN THE CHADIAN HORNETS' NEST. ESPECIALLY SINCE THE
CHADIAN CONFLICT IS NO LONGER A FAMILY AFFAIR BETWEEN
PARIS AND N'DJAMENA. WITH THE FOREIGN INTERVENTIONS,
MAINLY THAT OF LIBYA, CHAD HAS NOW BECOME AN OPEN
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ABCESS WHERE THE TWO BLOCS--THE SOCIALIST BLOC AND THE
WEST--ARE STRUGGLING BY PROXY. WASHINGTON IS VERY
INTERESTED IN WHAT IS OCCURRING AND IS EXERTING
PRESSURE ON FRIENDLY AFRICAN CAPITALS SUCH AS
KINSHASA, CAIRO OR KHARTOUM. MOSCOW, AS USUAL MORE

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DIRECT AND LESS SUBTLE, IS PROTESTING AND OPENLY SUPPLYING LIBYAN ARSENALS WHICH ARE AT THE DISPOSITION OF GOUKOUNI WEDDEYE...."

LIBERATION ON PAGE 15 BY SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT IN N'DJAMENA: "SERIOUS MATTERS ARE ABOUT TO BEGIN....ZAIRE'S ANNOUNCEMENT YESTERDAY THAT IT WAS SENDING THREE MIRAGE AIRCRAFT AND 1750 FRESH TROOPS TO CHAD WAS GOOD NEWS FOR N'DJAMENA, A CITY PLUNGED INTO UNCERTAINTY BY THE MILITARY SITUATION....AT A TIME WHEN THE FORCES OF GOUKOUNI ARE INCREASING THEIR DISTANCE FROM THE 'BIG LIBYAN BROTHER'--THEIR BASE FOR OIL AND AMMUNITION SUPPLIES, THE ARRIVAL OF MIRAGES MIGHT HAVE AN IMPORTANT IMPACT ON THIS WAR...."

OECD AND FRENCH NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STATISTICS ON ECONOMIC RECOVERY:

FIGARO EDITORIAL BY ECONOMIC SPECIALIST ANTOINE-PIERRRE MARIANO: "...THE BIG WESTERN COUNTRIES HAVE FINISHED THEIR DISINTOXICATION TREATMENT. THEY ARE NOW ON THE ROAD OF GROWTH AND PROSPERITY. FRANCE MUST CONTENT ITSELF WITH WATCHING THEM GO AWAY. FRANCE WILL NOT EVEN BE ABLE TO PICK UP THE CRUMBS OF RECOVERY BECAUSE ITS PRODUCTION SYSTEM IS TOO WEAKENED....REST THE QUESTION: WILL THE FRENCH ACCEPT THE PUNISHMENT INFLICTED?...."

LE MATIN ON PAGE 9 BY ECONOMIC EXPERT JEAN-GABRIEL FREDET: "WHEN WILL WE SEE THE END OF THIS AUSTERITY?....BY WANTING TO GO IT ALONE, FRANCE IS AGAIN OUT OF PHASE WITH ITS NEIGHBORS."

MIDDLE EAST:

FIGARO ON PAGE 3 BY JERUSALEM CORRESPONDENT RENE BAUDUC: "...THE PUBLICATION BY THE U.S. CONGRESS OF A VERY CRITICAL REPORT ON ISRAEL'S FOREIGN DEBT AND ALSO THE ADOPTION OF IMPORTANT TAX MEASURES TO STOP INFLATION ARE SERIOUSLY ENDANGERING THE COMING VISIT OF BEGIN TO WASHINGTON...."

FRENCH COMMUNIST LEADER GEORGES MARCHAIS' VISIT TO MOSCOW:

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LES ECHOS EDITORIAL: "...MOSCOW-FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY RUPTURE? IT IS TOO EARLY TO SAY....THE FACT THAT MARCHAIS SEEMS TO HAVE OPTED FOR FIRMNESS VIS-A-VIS HIS INTERLOCUTORS DOES NOT AT ALL MEAN A RETREAT OF THE FCP ON THE ISSUE OF THE SS-20 IN RELATION TO THE POSITION OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY. IT CONFIRMS, HOWEVER, THAT THE FRENCH COMMUNISTS DO NOT INTEND TO EXCEED CERTAIN LIMITS IN THEIR SUBMISSION TO MOSCOW."

QUOTIDIEN ON PAGE 8 BY REPORTER HERVE KARLESKIND:

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"...TASS PROBABLY TRIED TO FORCE THE HAND OF THE FRENCH COMMUNISTS, WHO ARE NATURALLY RELUCTANT TO CONDEMN THE U.S SO CLEARLY....IT IS HARD TO IMAGINE THAT GEORGES MARCHAIS COULD MAKE SUCH A FIRM CONDEMNATION OF U.S. POLICY WITHOUT ENCOUNTERING SOME DIFFICULTIES. THE - FRENCH AND SOVIET COMMUNISTS ARE NATURALLY IN AGREEMENT ON SUBSTANCE, BUT THE FCP DOES NOT HAVE ENOUGH ELBOW ROOM TO SAY IT IN THE WAY DESIRED BY THE SOVIETS. THE LATTER CLEARLY COUNTED ON THIS COMMUNIQUE, WHICH WAS VERY HOSTILE TO U.S. POLICY AND ALSO HOSTILE TO FRENCH POLICY FAVORING DEPLOYMENT OF PERSHING'S IN CASE OF THE (PROBABLE) FAILURE OF THE GENEVA NEGOTIATION."

LIBERATION: "THERE IS SOME TENSION BETWEEN THE FCP AND THE SOVIET BIG BROTHER....WE JUST WITNESSED AN EVENT RARE IN THESE COUNTRIES: A WESTERN COMMUNIST DELEGATION ANNOUNCED ITS FIRM INTENTION TO ADDRESS 'A DENIAL' TO THE SOVIET PRESS AGENCY, AS IF IT WAS DEALING WITH A ORDINARY ORGANIZATION OF THE BOURGEOISE PRESS....THE PURPOSE OF THIS STIFF CLARIFICATION WAS TO SHOW THEIR CONCERN NOT TO APPEAR TOO CLOSE TO THE SOVIETS ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES....THERE ARE TWO POSSIBILITIES: EITHER ANDROPOV DID NOT SUCCEED IN CONVINCING MARCHAIS THAT HE HAD TO HARDEN HIS 'PACIFIST' POSITION OR THIS IS A RATHER SUCCESSFUL SCENARIO DESIGNED TO DISTANCE MARCHAIS FROM HIS ENCUMBERING TUTOR."

HUMANITE ON PAGE 6 UNDER TITLE: "ABOUT A TASS DISPATCH". EXCERPTS TEXT READ: "TASS PUBLISHED AND CANCELLED A DISPATCH ON THE MEETING WHICH REFERRED TO REMARKS THAT MARCHAIS CLEARLY DID NOT MAKE....MARCHAIS EXPLAINED HIS VIEWS AND THE OBJECTIVES OF THE FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY: A BALANCED ARMS REDUCTION, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT FORCES IN THE EAST AS WELL AS IN THE WEST, WITH RESPECT FOR THE SECURITY OF EACH PEOPLE AND OF EACH COUNTRY. IT'S ON THE BASIS OF THESE CONSIDERATIONS THAT THE FRENCH DELEGATION PARTICIPATED IN THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE WHICH CONSTITUTES THE SOLE

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DOCUMENT COMMITTING THE FCP."

LE MATIN ON PAGE 2 BY REPORTER ALEXIS LIEBAERT: "THIS WAS DOOMED TO HAPPEN. EVERYONE WAS WAITING FOR THE MOMENT WHEN THE FCP WOULD BE CONFRONTED WITH THE CONTRADICTION BETWEEN ITS ATTACHMENT FOR 'INTERNATIONAL PROLETARIAT' AND ITS SOLIDARITY WITH THE (FRENCH) GOVERNMENT....DOES THE INCIDENT OPEN A NEW ERA IN RELATIONS BETWEEN THE FCP AND THE SOVIET UNION?....WHAT IS IMPORTANT IN THIS AFFAIR IS THE IMAGE THAT GEORGE

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MARCHAIS TRIED TO GIVE YESTERDAY OF THE FCP, THAT OF A FREE PARTY WHICH ALONE DECIDES THE POLICY IT INTENDS TO FOLLOW."

WEST GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON:

LES ECHOS BRIEF ITEM ON BACK PAGE: "...GENSCHER EXPLAINED THAT WEST GERMANY AND THE U.S. ARE IN 'TOTAL AGREEMENT' TO START THE DEPLOYMENT OF THE FIRST U.S. EUROMISSILES IN EUROPE AT THE END OF THE YEAR IF NO ACCORD IS REACHED...."

TRIAL OF NAZI CRIMINAL **KLAUS BARBIE**:

WEEKLY VSD BY REPORTER PHILIPPE BERNERT. INTRODUCTION READS: "IS IT TRUE THAT **KLAUS BARBIE** WAS AN AGENT OF THE CIA? HOW WAS HE HIRED BY THE AMERICANS? HOW DID HE ESCAPE ALL THE SEARCHES? FOR THE FIRST TIME, IN AN EXPLOSIVE DOCUMENT, SOME OF HIS FORMER EMPLOYERS ARE MAKING REVELATIONS. SECRET REPORTS FROM WASHINGTON ARCHIVES ALSO PROVIDE PART OF THE TRUTH. THE REVELATIONS WILL APPEAR IN A BOOK WRITTEN BY TOM BOWER--A JOURNALIST FROM THE BBC--ABOUT TO BE PUBLISHED IN BRITAIN AND THE U.S. UNDER THE TITLE "THE TORTURER OF LYON". EXCERPTS FROM ARTICLE ENTITLED "BARBIE'S LAWYER REVEALS HIS PLAN TO FREE HIS CLIENT" READ: "...HE HAS FINALIZED A TRUE BATTLE PLAN. HE WANTS TO PROVE THAT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PUT BARBIE ON TRIAL....THE COMMUNISTS ARE CLOSELY FOLLOWING THE AMAZING EVOLUTION OF THE AFFAIR. THE FCP PUSHED THE GOVERNMENT TO CAPTURE BARBIE AND TO MAKE THE ARREST ONE OF THE BIG MOMENTS OF MITTERRAND'S MANDATE....THE COMMUNISTS WILL INCREASE THEIR DEMONSTRATIONS AND THEY WILL ASK FOR LEGITIMATE SANCTIONS....WHAT IF BARBIE DIES IN JAIL? IT WILL CREATE A SCANDAL....FOR THE COMMUNISTS, IT WOULD BE A DREAM, AN OPPORTUNITY TO BLAME THE SOCIALISTS FOR PROTECTING A WAR CRIMINAL AND PERHAPS--WHY NOT--FOR YIELDING TO U.S. DEMANDS. WASN'T USIA

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BARBIE A CIA AGENT?...."

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FRONTPAGE ARTICLES: NYT FROM WASHINGTON: "U.S. TO DISCUSS CHINA ARMS SALES"; NYT FROM WASHINGTON: "AIDES SAY REAGAN ASKED TO BACK MADRID DRAFT"; NYT FROM WASHINGTON: "FIRST DESEGREGATION SUIT OF REAGAN'S TERM FILED"; WP FROM TOKYO: "JAPAN INTENDS TO LIMIT 1984 MILITARY BUDGET"; NYT FROM NEW YORK: "IN NEW YORK, TRAVELERS JAM THE PASSPORT OFFICE"; NYT FROM

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WASHINGTON: "ASHLAND OIL COST IN GULF IS QUESTIONED."
EDITPAGE: NYT: "NO MISSILE DEAL YET"; WP: "TWO HARD
QUESTIONS"; WP: "QADHAFI AT IT AGAIN".
COLUMNS: FLORA LEWIS: "HELPING CITIZENS THINK ABOUT THE
BOMB"; MAYNES: "U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS: ANOTHER
METAPHOR"; SHULMAN: "RELATIONS: PUT THE SOVIETS TO THE
TEST"; BRODER: "FOR NOW, KEEP THE GATE SHUT."
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